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Mr. Ellsworth Tompkins, Executive Secretary  
National Association of Secondary-School Principals  
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 November inviting me to speak at the opening session of the 45th Annual Convention of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals on 11 February 1961.

I have been studying my schedule of commitments and there just does not seem to be any possibility of my joining you on that date. With the advent of the forthcoming session of Congress and the new administration's requirements for briefings, I find it most difficult to make any plans to be away from Washington in the immediate future.


It was very thoughtful of you to ask me to be with you on this particular occasion and I want to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your annual convention.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*(Signature)*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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